(b) whether the new basic service operators would entice DoT's business customers and thereby affect DoT's surplus now standing at about Rs.4000 crores per annum; and

(c) if so, what is DoT's counter plan to prevent this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) At present it is not envisaged to bring about a change in the original structure and role of the Telecom Commission which is responsible for formulation of the policy of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for approval of the Government and implementation of the Government's policies in all matters concerning telecommunication. An exercise is however, on hand to distance policy making functions from operational functions so that the operating body is fully geared to meet the challenge of competition in the Telecom sector.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) DoT has drawn up ambitious plans for consolidation of network and maintaining high quality of services of international standards. DoT shall continue to provide major share of telephone connections through out the country. A number of new services like Intelligent Network(IN) services, multimedia leading to ISDN services are proposed to be introduced. A number of steps have also been taken which include streamlining the work at Telecom Headquarters for speedy disposal, close monitoring of financial and physical targets, formulation of elaborate strategy for upgrading the skill of employees like setting up and strengthening of the existing training infrastructure with latest technology equipment, evolving appropriate training methodology for training in High-tech field for each group of personnel, deputing personnel for training to institutions in developed countries to acquire knowledge and expertise. Commercial practices are also being reviewed in order to make them more customer friendly.

Development of Ports in Gujarat

*24 SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has drawn an ambitious plan to develop ports in the State at a cost of Rs.10,000 crores.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the central assistance committed or proposed to be given for the development of each such port in that State.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The primary responsibility for the development and management of minor ports vests with the concerned State Governments.

(c) Presently no central assistance is being extended to the State Governments for the development of minor ports.

Helicopters owned by ONGC

*25. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of helicopters owned by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC); and

(b) the total expenditure during the last three years on each of the helicopters on maintenance and operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) ONGC owns three helicopters.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on each of the helicopters during the last three years (1992-93 to 1994-95) on maintenance and operation (including A.T.F. and repairs & spares) was

Rs.191.81 lakhs, Rs.199.50 lakhs and Rs.182.69 lakhs respectively.

Procedure for Open Bids in Telecom Sector

*26. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVASHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MoU or open bids are preferred for private sector telecommunication projects;

(b) the procedure to be followed by the companies for open bids; and

(c) since several proposals are pending for clearance, in what manner Government would deal with open bid proposals to avoid the criticism of discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) In order to have fair competition, competitive bids are invited from Indian Companies through open tenders by the DoT for procurement of Telecom. Equipment, Basic Telephone Services, Cellular Mobile Telephone Service and Radio Paging Services. For all other Value Added Services proposals are invited from Indian Companies meeting minimum eligibility criteria and licences are awarded to them on a non-exclusive basis.

However, in order to access new technologies, new systems, etc. MoU system has been adopted in certain cases.

(b) The procedure for participation by the Companies in the open bids is different in various bids and the same is indicated in the tender documents.

(c) The bids received against the tenders issued by the Department are evaluated by Expert Committees having representatives from Technical, Finance and Commercial Wings of the Department and there is no scope for any discrimination.

विदेशी अंशदान प्राप्त करने संबंधी उपबंधों का उल्लंघन करने वाले संगठन

*27. श्री रामदेव भंडारी: क्या गृह मंत्री 29 नवम्बर, 1995 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 47 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या "कंपार्ट" द्वारा काली सूची में दर्ज संस्थाओं का ब्यौरा सरकार को प्राप्त हो गया है;

(ख) क्या ऐसी संस्थाओं के विरुद्ध एफ०सी०आर०ए० के अंतर्गत उनका पंजीकरण रद्द करने की कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) और (ग) लोक अभियान तथा ग्रामीण प्रौद्योगिकी समुन्नति परिषद (कपार्ट) ने उन संगठनों के बारे में सूचना प्रस्तुत की है जिन्हें इस परिषद ने काली सूची में डाल दिया है। इसमें से, विदेशी अभिदाय विनियमन अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत पंजीकृत 47 संगठनों की पहचान कर ली गयी है और इन संगठनों के लेखों इत्यादि की जांच करने के आदेश जारी कर दिए गए हैं।

Allegation on MNCs for Destabilising State Governments

*28. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the statements of Chief Ministers of Rajasthan and Maharashtra as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' of 5th November, 1995 and the 'Hindu' of 10th December, 1995 that some MNCs are trying to destabilise these State Governments;

(b) whether Government have received such reports from some other States also; and

(c) whether Government propose to take corrective action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a)